

Voki

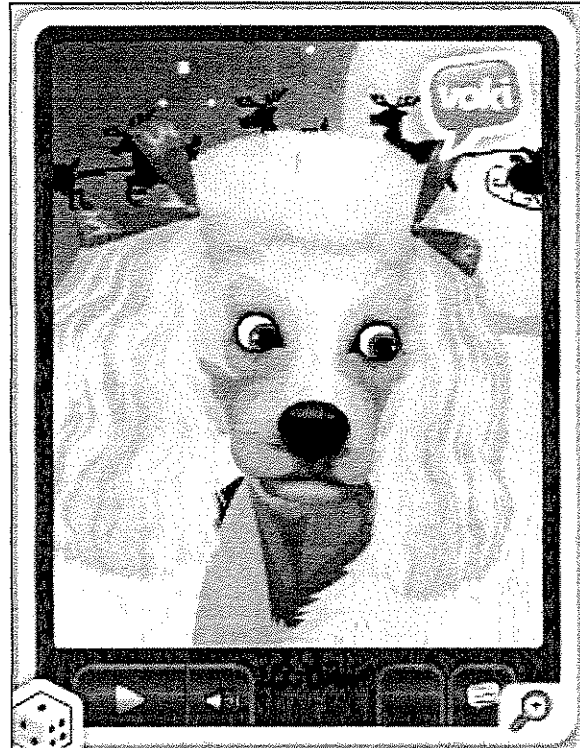
A talking avatar is a fun method for students to present information. Voki is a free Web 2.0 website where the user creates a cartoon-like character (avatar) and records their voice to make the avatar talk. Say goodbye to boring book reports, speeches and presentations!

What Do I Need?

- <http://www.voki.com>
- Internet connected computer with Flash Player installed
- Digital photo

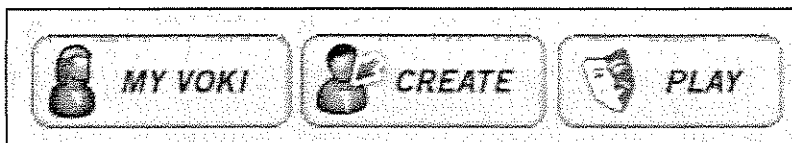
What Does It Look Like?



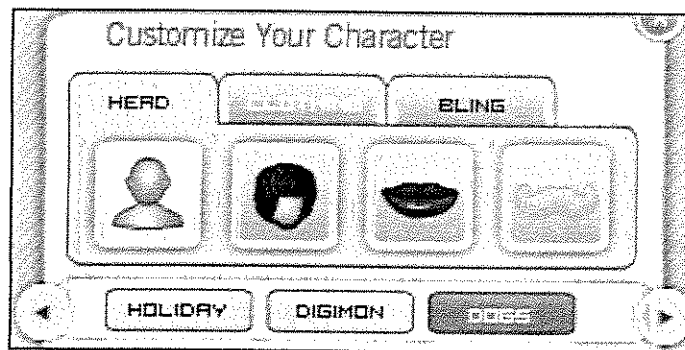


How Do I Create It?

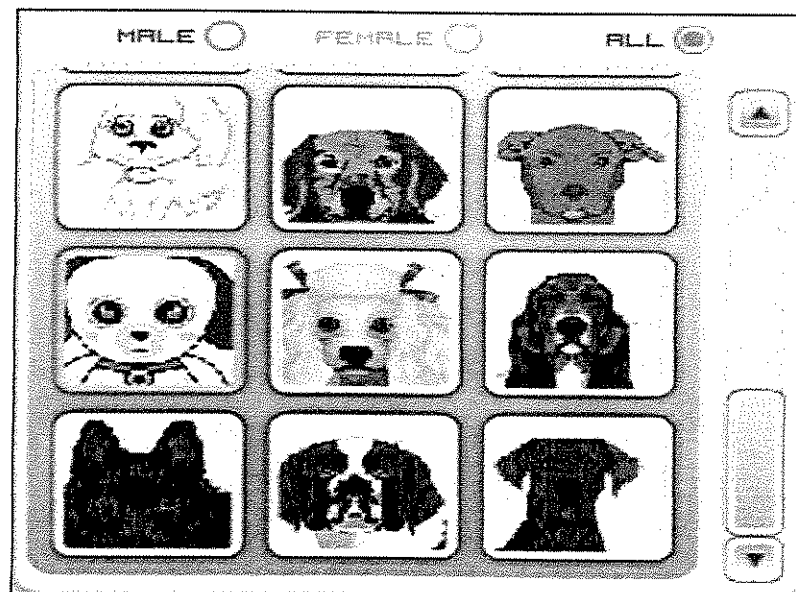
1. Click the Register button and complete the registration form. You must include an email address when registering on Voki. You will receive an email to confirm your registration before you can create a Voki.
2. Login to Voki.
3. Click the Create button.



4. Select the Head tab on the Customize Your Character menu. There are arrows to the left and right of the menu that will display several options for your Voki head:
 - a. Digimon
 - b. Dogs
 - c. Cats
 - d. Classic
 - e. Toons
 - f. Anime
 - g. Animals
 - h. Edgy
 - i. Oddballs
 - j. Randoms
 - k. VIP
 - l. Politics
 - m. Holiday



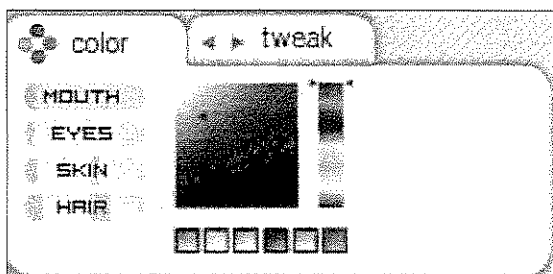
5. There are multiple options for each of the head styles. The scroll button on some of the screens will display more options. You can also select Male, Female or All.



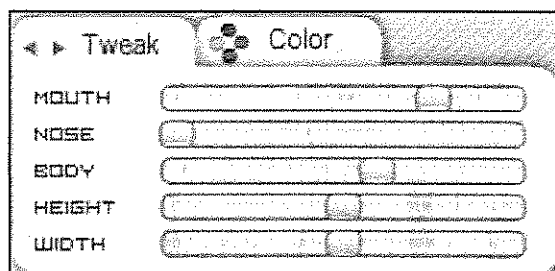
6. Clicking on the corresponding icon can also change the Voki's hair, mouth and facial hair.



7. The Clothing and Bling tabs will allow you to further customize your Voki.
8. The Color tab allows you to modify the color of the Voki's mouth, eyes, skin and hair.

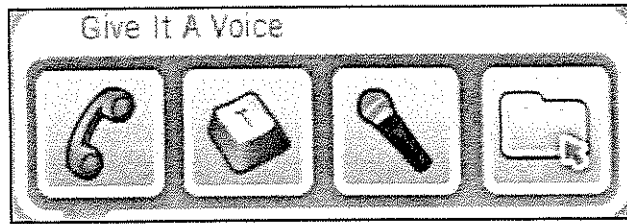


9. The Tweak tab has sliding bars to change the size of the mouth, nose, body, height and width.

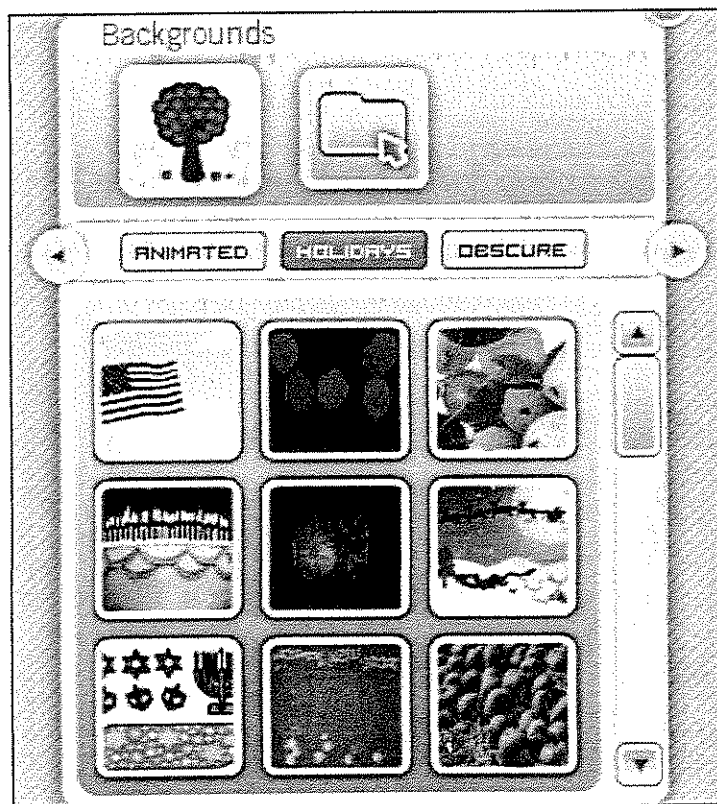


10. Click Done when you have finished customizing your Voki.

11. Add your voice to your Voki by selecting the phone, text to speech, microphone or upload a file icon in the Give It A Voice menu. Follow the onscreen directions that will appear when you click on the icons.



12. The Backgrounds icon will display several background categories. Use the left and right arrows to scroll through all of the options.
- Travel
 - Animated
 - Holidays
 - Obscure
 - Sports
 - Indoors
 - Nightlife
 - City View
 - Outdoors



13. The Folder icon is used to upload your own backgrounds.
14. Click Done.
15. The Players menu is used to change the colors of your Voki player.
16. When you have completed your Voki, click the Publish button.
17. You will be prompted to give your Voki a title.
18. Click Save.
19. The two options that can easily be used with students are Add To Your Site or Send To A Friend.

What Else Can I Do?

- All About Me presentation at the beginning of the year
- Practice a foreign language.
- Book report (the Voki must resemble a character in the book)
- Students can create a Voki to rate new books in the library.
- Teachers can follow Voki on Facebook and Twitter to gain new ideas on how to incorporate this tool in their classroom.

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